

Libertarian Party of Connecticut
State Central Committee
Meeting Minutes

Monday, 27th February 2022, 8:00 PM

The following Members of the Committee were present:

S Dincher – Chair
M Etter – Vice Chair
A Zdon – Secretary
J Perry – Treasurer
B Cousins – New Haven County
C Lazzara – At Large
K Beckford – At Large
L Leduc – At Large
Carl Lupinacci – Member
M Liebowitz – Candidate for Spokesperson

The following Members of the Committee were absent:

A Shackelford – At Large
N Constant – At Large

The Meeting was called to order by S Dincher at 8:07 PM.

1. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The reading of the minutes was waived by a motion from the chair without objection from the membership.

The minutes were approved by a motion from the chair without objection from the membership.

2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

a. Chairman

i. **Introduction of Mike Liebowitz as potential Spokesperson for the LPofCT**

- 1. Works with Todd Feinburg on his radio show, has great media access**
- 2. Studied libertarianism for 25 years in prison.**
- 3. Has his own podcast and also radio interview experience**

4. Bastiat, Friedman, Mises, Hayek, Rand, and others from the Austrian school have influenced his path to libertarianism and understanding of it
5. Reading liberty-opposing viewpoints such as Cains, Marx, and Engels has deepened his belief in human liberty.
6. Taking questions from the SCC:
 - a. Doesn't believe in hedging the ideals of Libertarianism on what it is perceived the culture can currently understand, therefore would come out in favor of legalizing heroin
 - b. Would like to work towards gradually removing taxes piece by piece
 - c. Main focus is on restoring rights for law-abiding citizens
 - d. Government systems of neighbors reporting neighbors is something he is more passionately against
 - e. Government mandating vaccine is reprehensible, need to attack the government overreach rather than the vaccine itself in order to remove the fallacy of medical mandates potentially being "good" if only the product is "good"
 - f. Thinks access to debates is the most pertinent benefit ballot access – we need to get our ideas into the discussion and in front of as many people as possible
 - g. Wants to appeal to or work with Republicans on issues they support more libertarian ideals on (small government, less taxation, etc) and Democrats on issues they support more liberty on (small police, school vouchers, etc)
 - h. Has consistently brought libertarian guests on to Todd Feinburg's show from November 28th until now
 - i. When asked about time in prison, would come from a perspective of how he has reformed, and "as a society are we going to embrace people coming out of prison so that they can succeed, or are we going to shun them and let them repeat?"
 - j. Speaks on criminal history honestly and with personal accountability taken
 - k. Can start immediately

b. Treasurer

- i. Last Balance = \$15,786.36
- ii. Expenditures = \$766.21
- iii. Credits = \$1,212.95

- iv. **Current Balance = \$16,233.10**
- v. **As of 2/27/2023**

c. Secretary

- i. **The current Roster includes 444 total members, 171 Regular Members, 260 Associate Members, and 13 Lifetime Members. This is an increase of 6 Associate Members, decrease of 4 Regular Members and no change in Lifetime Members since the previous roster report on January 23 2023.**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Strategy and Goals Committee

- i. Congrats to Nate T taking over as chair
- ii. March 19th planned date for next meeting
- iii. When asking for donations, being able to tell people exactly where the money is going to go will make people more enthusiastic/confident to donate

b. IT Committee

- i. N/A

a. Legislative Research Committee

- i. Looked at Rank Choice Voting proposals
 - 1. Right now there are 4 proposals, they are vague and the bills have not been written yet
 - 2. The 4 proposals differ in what level Ranked Choice Voting is being proposed as applied to, IE presidential primaries, municipal elections, etc
 - 3. Bill with most sponsors requires RCV to be applied on municipal, state, and federal level
 - 4. The Democrat sponsored bill (HB5701) requires the most dramatic reform to our voting system

b. Finance Committee

- i. N/A

c. Media Committee

- i. Looking to find someone to help out with social media. Cameron Atkinson's girlfriend may be interested. S Dincher will reach out and bring her to the SCC's attention if she is.

d. Elections Committee

- i. N/A

e. Convention Committee

- i. Had first official meeting
- ii. Committee of 4 with L Leduc as Chair
- iii. Looking at November 4th and December 2nd as potential convention dates
 - 1. checking with venue about availability and rates
- iv. Planning on same basic time structure as last year for logistics
- v. Will need new A/V equipment
- vi. Expecting around \$9-10K for a budget

1. About \$6-7K total for speakers, and \$2800 for convention space (same location as last year)
2. Could sell 50/50 raffle tickets
3. Sell tickets to a Speaker Event afterwards
4. Could do silent auction
5. Could sell tables for friendly organizations and businesses such as CCDL
6. Looking at doing admission tiers IE General Admission, VIP Admission, VIP Package (perks like seating at speaker tables or cocktail hour with speakers, swag, etc can come with higher tier tickets)
7. Looking at \$39, \$69, and \$109 as prices, with discounts for purchasing 2 or more tickets at the same time for people planning to come together, etc
8. Speaker prices have gone up since last year
9. Reaching out to Maj Toure, Spike Cohen, Clint Russel, Gerald Salente, Robbie Bernstein
10. Mike Leibowitz would be good for speaker lineup as our spokesperson if he becomes such
11. Could do special event night before convention such as "Shooting with Spike" at a local range, etc

- i. **Motion by M Etter to make 11/4/23 the primary date for the LPofCT State Convention, and 12/2/23 as a backup date. Motion duly seconded and carries unanimously by voice vote.**
- ii. **Motion by K Beckford to authorize \$10,000 to the Convention Committee. Motion duly seconded and carries unanimously by voice vote.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

b. Spokesperson Consideration

- i. **Motion by M Etter to discuss M Leibowitz as a potential LPofCT Spokesperson on Discord and officially vote on Discord after said discussion. Motion duly seconded and carries unanimously by voice vote.**
- ii. **Motion by B Cousins via Discord on 3/5/23 to approve the description of Spokesperson as follows:**
 1. **A designated Spokesman is responsible for the party organization to the general public, including the presentation of the party's principles (issues and goals) and associated interests. Particular beliefs and positions, those with no obvious traces to the above issues and goals, are beyond the scope of the Spokesman's responsibility. The Spokesman may**

identify himself to the general public as “Libertarian Party of Connecticut Spokesman” via easily documented communications (eg: written or spoken records). A designated Spokesman may not communicate on behalf of any individual party candidate, officer, or other member; he may not engage in business on behalf of the party (eg: to make or accept offers); he may not comment on pending financial or legal matters (including active lawsuits, particular business of affiliated candidates/politicians, etc.). A Spokesmand will meet quarterly with the Stace Central Committee for updates on relevant developments and to reinforce alignment between external and internal communications.

Motion duly seconded and carries by roll vote via Discord SCC Motions Channel.

iii. Motion by C Lazzara via Discord on 3/8/23 to appoint Michael Liebowitz as an LPCT Spokesperson under the Spokesman Position Description that has been approved by this SCC. Motion duly seconded and carries by roll vote via Discord SCC Motions Channel.

c. Hybrid SCC Meeting

- i. Pros and cons of having a hybrid in-person + Zoom SCC Meeting in the future were discussed. (Pros: build momentum and rapport for the goals we are working towards and within the SCC body, respectively. Cons: travel, family, business and time constraints.)
- ii. Means of recording the in-person location of the meeting in addition to the Zoom recording including those present in person would need to be determined.

1. Motion by M Etter to table for further discussion. Motion duly seconded and carries unanimously by voice vote.

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for the 27th of March 2023 at 8:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Zdon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zdon".

Amy Zdon
Secretary, Libertarian Party of Connecticut